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Alleged memorials from forest rangers for increase of pay.

* 250 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action has been taken on the memorial submitted by forest rangers for the increase of their salaries and allowances and the reminder sent by the Secretary of the Madras Forest Rangers' Association, dated 9th November 1927?

A.—They are still under the consideration of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I inquire how long this matter will be under the consideration of Government? It has been very long already."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"As I submitted in connexion with a motion in this House, the whole forest policy is under the consideration of Government. When that is settled, this matter also will be settled."

Panchayat Courts

Abolition of the Panchayat Court in Perumbedu village.

* 251 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the villagers of Perumbedu village in the Chingleput district, requesting the abolition of the Panchayat court in the village;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a faction in the village between the Vanniyars and Adi-Dravidas and other caste Hindus;

(c) whether many of the original members of the Panchayat court have resigned their membership;

(d) whether it is a fact that after the above resignations the present Panchayat court consisted of only the President and his two brothers;

(e) whether the other members of the court since elected belong to the party of the President; and

(f) whether the Government will consider the advisability of abolishing the present court and constituting a new one?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) & (e) The Government have no information.

(f) On the recommendation of the Collector of Chingleput orders were issued in May last directing the abolition of the Panchayat court at Perumbedu and the establishment of a village court in its stead.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"With reference to the answer to clause (f), has any action been taken in that direction since?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The answer, I believe, is complete, that 'on the recommendation of the Collector of Chingleput

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orders were issued in May last directing the abolition of the Panchayat court at Perumbedu and the establishment of a village court in its stead."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"Has the court been established?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I cannot say whether the orders have been carried out by the Collector yet."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MULALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, why instead of ordering for another Panchayat court to be established they took the step of having a village court?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Because the inhabitants of the locality do not want a panchayat court."

Education

Distribution of grants-in-aid to elementary schoolmasters in Ganjam district.

* 252 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why grants-in-aid given to elementary schoolmasters have not yet been distributed in the district of Ganjam as usual;

(*b*) why full grants are not given to these schoolmasters; and

(*c*) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to avoid such delay and reduction of grants in future?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information, but have called for a report

Instruction in spinning and weaving in the elementary and secondary schools in Kurnool district.

* 253 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many schools—

(i) secondary,

(ii) higher elementary,

(iii) lower elementary under the management of the District Board or the Taluk Boards or the Municipalities in the Kurnool district spinning and weaving are taught;

(*b*) what the capital expenditure on this branch of teaching comes to in the whole of the district; and

(*c*) what quantity of material was produced—

(i) as yarn; and

(ii) as cloth in these institutions during the year 1927–28?

A.—(*a*) As regards secondary schools, the information available with Government shows that weaving is taught in the Municipal Secondary school, Kurnool, and in the Municipal Secondary school and the Municipal Muhammadan Middle school, Nandyal.